

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Yukiya HIRABAYASHI

Group Art Unit: 2871

Application No.: 10/658,765

Examiner: A. SCHECHTER

Filed: September 10, 2003

Docket No.: 116801

For: ELECTRO-OPTICAL DEVICE WITH, AN ELECTRODE IN NON-OVERLAPPING  
ARRANGEMENT WITH PERIPHERAL DRIVING CIRCUIT METHOD OF  
MANUFACTURING SAME, AND ELECTRONIC APPARATUS (AS AMENDED)

SUMMARY OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Applicant's representative conducted a personal interview with Examiner A. Schechter on April 18, 2006. Applicant appreciates the courtesies shown to Applicant's representative by Examiner Schechter during the personal interview. Applicant's separate record of a summary of the substance of the personal interview is contained in the following remarks.

Applicant's representative reviewed arguments presented in the Amendment filed with a Request for Continued Examination on March 8, 2006 with Examiner Schechter. Specifically, Applicant's representative argued that the claims, as amended, were patentable over any permissible combination of U.S. Patents Nos. 5,148,301 to Sawatsubashi et al. (hereinafter "Sawatsubashi"), 5,285,301 to Shirahashi et al. (hereinafter "Shirahashi") and 3,862,360 to Dill et al. (hereinafter "Dill").

Examiner Schechter indicated his belief that each of the features positively recited in, for example, independent claim 1 could be found in at least one prior art reference, thereby

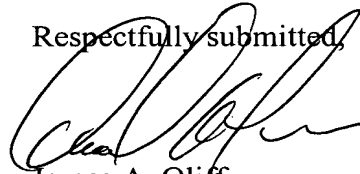
rendering obvious the subject matter of the claims, even as amended. Applicant's representative strongly traversed the Examiner's assertion in this regard noting that simply because each of a number of structural features may be found in various prior art references, their specific configuration to meet a specific objective was not rendered obvious..

Applicant's representative argued that the combination of Sawatsubashi, Shirahashi and Dill could only be arrived at, in an attempt to render obvious the subject matter of the pending claims, through application of improper hindsight reasoning based on the roadmap presented by Applicant's disclosure, and the prosecution history of this application to date.

Examiner Schechter indicated that the various combinations of features recited in the pending claims, and their recited relationship, would be carefully reviewed in further examination of this application.

Should any questions arise regarding this communication, all inquiries may be directed to Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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